



# ***For Immediate Release***

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## **Boston Connects, Inc. Invests \$300,000 in Skills Training Programs for Careers in Growth Industries**

The Board of Directors of Boston Connects, Inc. (BCI) voted Tuesday night, September 23, to invest \$300,000 in Skills Training programs for approximately 66 Zone residents, age 21 and over. Training programs will be free to Zone residents who qualify. In prior skills training programs funded by BCI, Zone residents have received training in customer service, office skills, food service, retail and computer repair training, facilities maintenance, and allied health professions.

"The Careers in Growth Industries program will teach Zone residents career-focused skills that will help them get jobs with potential advancement opportunities. There are a variety of programs to choose from and BCI is very excited about this investment in Empowerment Zone residents," said Christine Araujo, BCI Executive Director.

The agencies awarded contracts for the Careers in Growth Industries program are Action for Boston Community Development, Dimock Community Health Center, Madison Park Development Corporation, Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, Year Up, and YouthBuild Boston. Contracts will run for two years.

For more information contact BCI at (617) 541-2670.

Boston Connects, Inc. is the community-based organization working to create economic self-sufficiency for individuals, families and communities in Boston's Empowerment Zone.



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